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Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

CITY OF: NEWPORT BEACH
 OFFICE SOUGHT: CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
 WARD/DISTRICT # 1 (If applicable)

NAME: Joe Stapleton AGE: 42
 (Optional)
 OCCUPATION: NEWPORT BEACH COUNCILMEMBER / BUSINESSMAN

Four years ago, Newport Beach's Police Officers, Firefighters, and Lifeguards, Sheriff Don Barnes, and Mayors spanning three decades endorsed me. Today, they support me again because my focus hasn't changed. It's about Keeping Newport, Newport.

Since you elected me, we have:

Fully funded public safety, launched a real-time crime center, deployed American-made first-responder drones, and earned our Fire Department's Class 1 rating, held by just 1% of departments nationwide.

Cut unsheltered homelessness more than 90% since 2022, a record low, with tougher anti-camping laws and dedicated social services.

Passed tougher e-bike rules and expanded Peninsula patrols.

Renewed our Harbor: the largest dredging in decades now underway, the West Coast's first Trash Interceptor, and the nation's first all-electric public patrol vessel.

Secured water independence. 100% local groundwater by 2028.

Delivered consistent budget surpluses, protected our AAA credit rating, and put \$45 million each year toward pension debt.

After four years, promises made have become promises kept. That's a lot, as it should be. Newport Beach deserves nothing less.

What's next? Finishing the Peninsula's new fire station and library, retiring our pension debt for good, and defending our 40-year airport curfew.

I'm asking for your vote.

StapletonForNewport.com

INSTRUCTIONS: (Elections Code § 13307)

1. Signed and dated statement must be filed in the Registrar of Voters office at the time final nomination documents are filed. A copy will be given to the candidate.
2. This statement is printed at candidate's expense and should reflect the candidate's qualifications.

Date 8/3/26

[Signature]
 Candidate's Signature

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